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With [school](#) just getting back into session Steered Straight is gearing up to go back to school to teach teens about the dangers of drinking, [drugs](#), and driving while under the influence.

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Michael DeLeon has spoken to more than fourteen million students and young adults in more than 9,200 schools and facilities. As a published author and international motivational speaker and educator, Michael has delivered evidence-based student program that are saving lives of teens.



Steered Straight is a 17-year proven program that does not explain drug prevention at school assemblies but TEACHES the reality of drugs and devises a prevention message the students implement themselves within their school system.

Steered Straight has become the number one booked program in America with assemblies focused on drug education prevention. Our program is primarily based on the uniqueness of the messenger, someone who has suffered the consequences of negative decisions. We have found that youth instantly identify with Michael DeLeon, or another of our speakers, as a changed, motivated teacher with a real-life story to tell.

Steered Straight does not simply educate students about the harmful nature of drugs and

alcohol but provides the reality and deadly impact it can and will have on their lives. We remove the concern parents' have on how to help their kids and replace it with active solutions.

We have found that the "just say no" message has not worked, nor will discipline and scare tactics. To actively achieve students wanting to stop using whatever substance, on whatever level and on their own, is the only method. However, it takes an engaging and powerful message. Michael DeLeon and his team delivers that.

Our Purpose

To reach youth and young adults through motivational speaking, life-sharing seminars and interactive curriculum in order to:

- Provide youth with real-life examples of negative consequences that resulted from making poor decisions.

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*Michael DeLeon, Founder,
Steered Straight*



- Impact the minds of youth to steer their lives in positive ways and encourage them to make positive life-choices.
- Give kids the ability to develop a sense of understanding about the positive and negative choices in their lives.
- Reduce the number of youth who end up in the criminal justice system due to making poor decisions.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts

communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action. Michael and Darla DeLeon's dedicated service to their fellow Americans was recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Founder: Michael R. DeLeon

A successfully acclimated ex-offender who after nearly 20 years of drug addiction, spent 12 years in state prison and half-way houses for a gang-related homicide. Michael plead guilty in a very

emotional and complicated case involving the murder of his own mother by gang members tasked to kill him.

Since Michael's release from prison, he has earned 3 Associates Degrees, a Baccalaureate Degree in Business Management, with a minor in Criminal Justice and a CADC Educational Certificate. Michael is now in the process of obtaining his Tobacco Treatment Specialist certification from the University of Kentucky School of Nursing, his Masters Degree in Social Work at Liberty University School of Social Work as well as pursuing his LCADC. He is a published author and an award winning documentary filmmaker.

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